(b) The steps envisaged for improvement in the efficiency of utilisation of energy in the cement industry include setting up of energy consumption norms, regular monitoring of energy consumption, conducting energy and cost audits, and maintaining the quality of supply of power and coal to the cement industry.

Unauthorised use of Electricity by residents of Budh Vihar Phase-II

3584. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the unauthorised colony Budh Vihar Phase-II, just opposite Pooth Kalan has not been electrified so far; if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be electrified;

(b) whether Government are aware that the residents of Budh Vihar Phase-II are using electricity unauthorisingly in connivance with some employees of DESU; and

(c) whether any inquiry has been made to check theft of electricity; if not, what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, electrification of any colony is the responsibility of the concerned colonising agency. A request for electrification of the left out portion of Budh Vihar which is known as Budh Vihar Phase-II, has been received by DESU from Budh Vihar Mandal. The lay out plan of the area, submitted by the party recently, has not been found to be complete. Further action for the preparation of the electrification scheme of the area may be taken up by DESU on receipt of the complete lay-out plan.

(b) According to DESU, during the raids conducted by them some cases of direct tapping of supply were found in the area and these were disconnected. However, no specific case/complaint about connivance of DESU staff in committing of power theft by the residents of the area have come to the notice of DESU.

(c) According to DESU, a general survey has been made recently and areas prone to power theft had been identified. Measures being taken to contain the menace of theft of power by DESU include intensifying surprise raids, associating CBI for joint raids in areas where large scale pilferage/theft of energy suspected and strengthening Transmission & Distribution system and organisational inputs.

Disrupted Telephone services in Patiala

3585. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telephone network at Patiala in Punjab has been seriously disrupted by the recent floods and a large number of telephones in the Raghomajra area are still lying disconnected;

(b) what is the number of complaints booked from that area, so far, the details of complaints, the telephone numbers and details of those telephone numbers for which more than one complaints were booked and the number of complaints received from each as on date;

(c) the details of complaints numbers 61 to 65 booked on 16th August, 1988 and of those from Raghomajra area; since when they have been pending and reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are aware that telecommunications officials demand money for putting the telephones in working order; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Telephone services were disrupted due to flood in some areas and all telephones had been restored.